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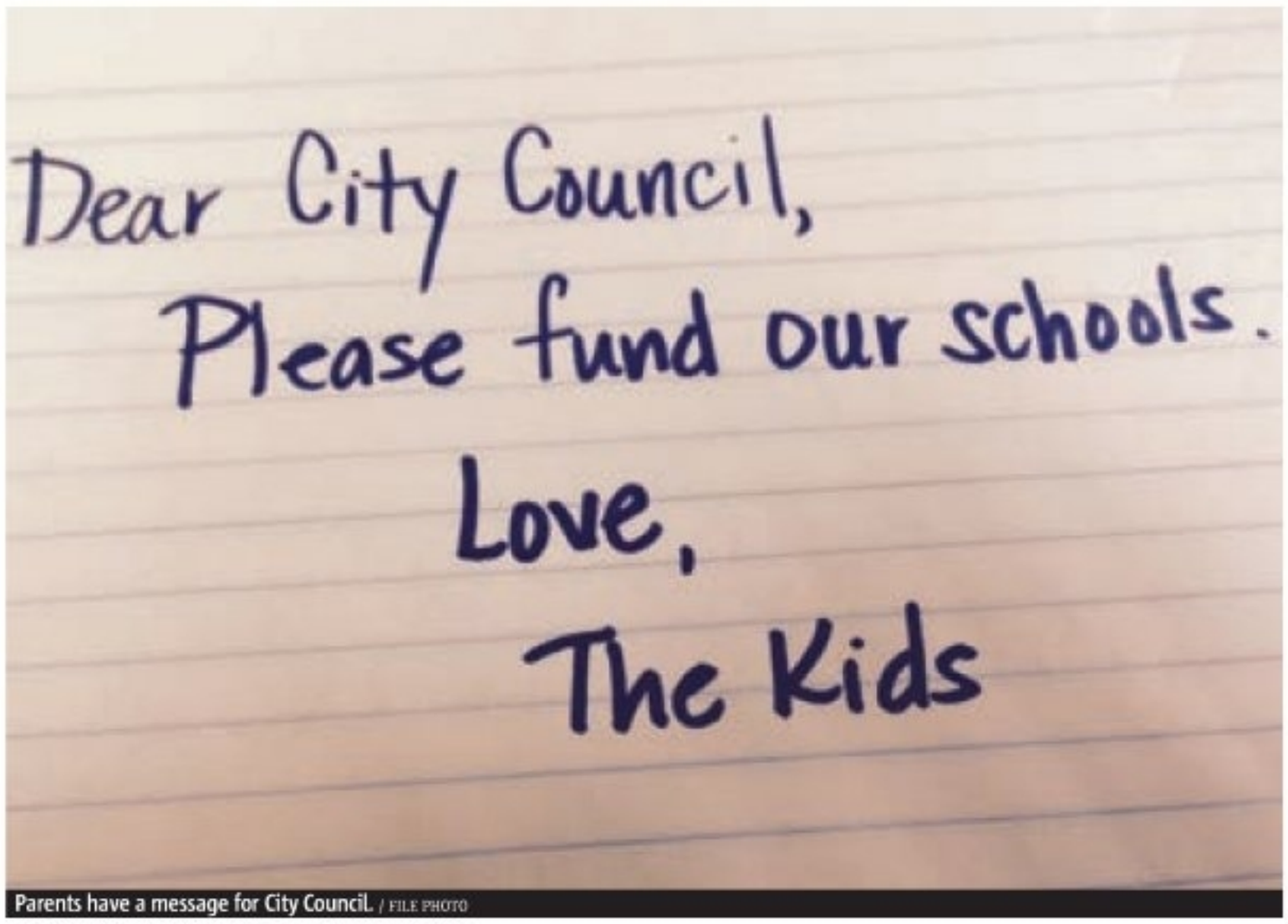
Council OK's cursive bill as schools await $105M

Messy priorities. As the school district looks for aid to fill its budget gap, the city council passed a bill urging more cursive Thursday.



Parents have a message for City Council. / FILE PHOTO

As the school district burns, City Council focuses on scribbles.

Philadelphia public school children regularly attend with schools that lack full-time nurses and guidance counselors, in buildings where the heat works only intermittently and have only bare bones arts classes.

But the City Council on Thursday passed a non-binding resolution urging the School District of Philadelphia to mandate teaching of cursive handwriting.

"Don't they have something better to do with their time?" said Steve Graham, a professor at Arizona State University and expert on children's writing.

The City Council's focus on cursive comes as the district is seeking $309 million from the city and state to fully fund the schools. The district wants $105 million from the city. The city on Thursday introduced a package of bills that could raise taxes to give the district $80 million.

Sources told KYW Newsradio Mike Dunn that the Council likely won't meet the district's request.

A host of educators and students lined up before City Council to urge the increase in funding, and chided Council for focusing on the trees, not the forest.

"These skills are important, but there are so many other things that are important for kids," said Lisa Jackson, the principal of Jackson Elementary in South Philly.

Dobbins High School Principal Toni Damon told City Council that cursive writing was important because kids were going to need to learn to sign their names. But they were missing the big picture.

"Last year, I had to relocate so many classes to the auditorium because the heat was not working," Damon said.

Among educators, there's wide debate about whether teaching cursive is important. In prior generations, students began learning cursive in the second and third grades, but it has been pushed aside as schools increasingly focus on standardized tests and with the understanding that most children will type their essays in middle and high schools.

Graham, an expert on children's writing, notes that some studies show that when a school paper with illegible handwriting is rewritten with nice handwriting, the student who wrote it is marked higher. Likewise, when a good student's paper has bad handwriting, the grade diminishes.

But Graham said it doesn't matter if a student learns cursive, print or both, as long as he or she can do one of them well.

Quoted

"These skills are important, but there are so many other things that are important for kids."
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North Philly. History truck parks at Temple's border

Erin Bernard moves art. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

The Philadelphia Public History Truck, a traveling exhibition that explores the oral history of Philadelphia communities, is opening up this weekend right at the border of Temple University and North Philly.

The truck that used to house the project is at a mechanic's, so a storefront at Broad and Susquehanna will house the exhibition, which shares stories of the neighborhood's changes.

"The show is about the relationship between Temple and the community, and it's literally right between a community-owned shop and a Temple dorm," said Erin Bernard, 29, founder of the History Truck. She's also a recent graduate of Temple's graduate program in history.

Locals are being asked to map out where they first slept, to track how residential patterns have changed.

There will also be hairdos courtesy of Don Williams, a local barber at 15th and Susquehanna who did the hair of B.B. King and Stevie Wonder in his prime.

Susquehanna Avenue has seen most commercial activity drop off in years past. But Williams doesn't blame that on Temple — he told Bernard that a city expansion of a schoolyard that knocked out a block of homes and businesses was what really took the block down.

The Philly History Truck will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday. SAM NEWHOUSE

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THE LGBT REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE MONETIZED

It's June, which means that National LGBT Pride Month is here!

This has traditionally been the time when rainbow flags fly high across a nationwide parade, which was intended to bring attention to equal rights and same-sex culture.

However, my generation has become more engrossed in the festive bar scenes, parties and out-of-town hookups that go down at this time of year.

As a 23-year-old queer man of color, if I ask most people my age who is Bayard Rustin, Harvey Milk or Ruth Simpson, or what happened during the Stonewall riots, they most likely look at me with a blank stare.

But forever curious about my identity, those legends and moments inspired me to come out when I was in high school. As a dual-minority, LGBT Pride Month holds just as much significance to me as Black History Month — it gives me a time to reflect on the lives before me and continue to push the legacy of those who paved the way.

But that sacred time to pay respect is being overshadowed by the commercial celebrity guest appearances, the sometimes catty drag show competitions and the superficial marketing of what it means to be gay in America.

Enough is enough. I refuse to allow my collective queer history and movement be reduced to an entry ticket to a mediocre go-go dancer spectacle masked as a charity event. No thank you, Boxer PHL.

A woman shows off her LGBT pride at the 2014 parade. / FILE PHOTO

When my friends and fellow gays talk about Pride, we now look at it as more of a social function, rather than a time to actually give a damn about the issues we still face.

It hurts when some of them tell me that they are just "too broke to do Pride," because now a month that was meant to empower us has become instead a rather nasty exposé of the haves and the have-nots.

We often forget that at this very moment homelessness rates for LGBT youth are exponentially higher than for their straight counterparts. That queer members of color are still being discriminated against and murdered in cities that are considered "progressive." And that HIV/AIDS is still disproportionately taking away the lives of various poor members of our community as well.

These are the facts that we should take into consideration while also remembering the life of Matthew Shepard and the countless others who continue to die for the privilege we so often take for granted. As we now extend our support to Caitlyn Jenner for her remarkable transition, let's not lose sight of those who are still fighting just to exist.

That is how I will celebrate Pride this year — not wasting another dime for an overpriced, drunken night full of superfluous elitism and pseudo-activism. I'd rather just stay put and remind people of those who weren't as fortunate to have the very same choices that inspired this month to begin with.

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Sex toy vending machines now a thing

Prototype. One machine was such a success, its owners are making more.

The debut of the nation's first sex toy vending machine was wildly successful, at least according to representatives of the company that built it.

The machine debuted at the Philadelphia Burlesque Festival last weekend, and — while sales figures weren't made public — condoms and sex aids small enough for a man purse were the big sellers.

"Those are pretty small purchases, and easy to need," said Timaree Schmit, a spokeswoman for Pink Box Vending.

Schmit said the company would announce a permanent home for the machine this week.

Yes, she said, buying a sex toy from a publicly located vending machine might turn some people off. So the company is looking for a discreet location that isn't necessarily inside brick and mortar sex shops. Purchases might also come with a nondescript bag.

She said the company has fielded inquiries from across the country.

Right now, there is just one machine, but a second one is in the works. Eventually, the company wants to track sales through a centralized database, meaning that the company will be able to market merchandise that's more appropriate for say, a gay bar or strip club. Profit aside, the company garners a lot of interest. Schmit says: "We are the first major innovation in this industry in a really long time."

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Paine in Philly's heart

As soon as two new skateable sculptures were unveiled in Paine Park, BMX rider Trey Maltese was on it. The new sculptures, designed by Jonathan Monk, are the first of 14 pieces of public art to be installed before October.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Center City. Memorial service for collapse

Victims of the tragic 2013 collapse of the Market Street building that housed the Salvation Army will be remembered at a ceremony Friday.

Mayor Michael Nutter and families of the victims of the 2013 Salvation Army collapse will gather at 10 a.m. at 22nd and Market streets, the future site of a permanent memorial garden, to mark the second anniversary since the collapse occurred.

Nancy Winkler, the Philadelphia city treasurer and mother of 24-year-old Anne Bryant, who perished in the collapse, will speak about plans for installing the memorial.

The planned memorial was recently approved by the Fairmount Art Commission.

Of a $1.3 million budget, about 50 percent has been raised so far.

On June 5, 2013, the Salvation Army store at 22nd and Market collapsed as a result of ongoing demolition activity at an adjacent site. The collapse killed six and wounded 13.

Contractor Griffin Campbell and backhoe operator Sean Benschop are currently in custody awaiting trial on six murder charges for the incident. SAM NEWHOUSE

Hack. Four million current, former US federal workers hit

Hackers breached the computers of the U.S. government agency that collects personnel information for federal workers in a massive cyberattack that compromised the data of about 4 million current and former employees, U.S. officials said on Thursday.

A U.S. law enforcement source told Reuters a foreign entity or government was believed to be behind the cyber intrusion against the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and media reports said authorities suspected it originated in China.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said it had launched a probe and would hold the culprits accountable.

OPM detected new malicious activity affecting its information systems in April and the Department of Homeland Security said it concluded at the beginning of May that the agency's data had been compromised.

The breach affected OPM's IT systems and its data stored at the Department of the Interior's data center, which is a shared service center for federal agencies, a DHS official said on condition of anonymity. The official would not comment on whether other agencies' data had been affected.

OPM had previously been the victim of another cyberattack, as have various federal government computer systems at the State Department, the U.S. Postal Service and the White House. **REUTERS**

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"The FBI is working with our interagency partners to investigate this matter." FBI

Canada, Mexico push for $3B in US sanctions

In 2009, the U.S. required that stores use labels such as "Born in Mexico, raised and slaughtered in the U.S." to give consumers more information about the safety and origin of their food. / GETTY IMAGES

Retaliation. Ottawa is likely to target beef, pork, California wines, mattresses, cherries and office furniture.

Canada and Mexico will seek World Trade Organization authorization to impose over $3 billion in sanctions against U.S. exports in retaliation against contentious meat-labeling laws, the two nations said.

U.S. legislators have signaled they plan to repeal the 2009 laws, which Canada and Mexico says makes their meat products more expensive.

In May, the WTO upheld an earlier ruling that country-of-origin labeling (COOL) rules illegally discriminate against imported livestock from Canada and Mexico, rejecting a U.S. appeal.

The decision formally allowed the two countries to impose trade sanctions against the United States, which must be approved by the WTO.

The United States saw the annual values as "substantially inflated" and would seek WTO arbitration at the appropriate time, a spokesman for the U.S. Trade Representative said.

Mexico and Canada are therefore seeking an extraordinary session of the WTO's dispute settlement body on June 17 to authorize the punitive measures.

"Despite the WTO's final ruling that U.S. country of origin labeling measures are discriminatory, the United States continues to avoid its international trade obligations," Canadian Trade Minister Ed Fast said in a statement. **REUTERS**

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Demonstrators hold placards supporting former US intelligence analyst Edward Snowden during a protest against government surveillance on October 26, 2013. / GETTY IMAGES

Leak shows widened US internet spying: NY Times reports

Hack. The disclosure of the documents come as U.S. financial institutions and businesses are targeted in cyberattacks.

Documents leaked by Edward Snowden show that the U.S. government has widened the National Security Agency's warrantless surveillance of Americans' international Internet traffic in the hunt for hackers, the New York Times reported on Thursday.

The classified documents came from Snowden, the former NSA contractor who lives as a fugitive in Russia, and were shared with the Times and the investigative journalism nonprofit ProPublica, the newspaper reported.

In mid-2012, Justice Department lawyers wrote two secret memos allowing the NSA to begin hunting on Internet cables, without a warrant and inside the United States, for data linked to computer intrusions originating abroad, the Times reported, citing the documents. It said the data included traffic that flows to suspicious Internet addresses or contains malware.

The Times reported that the Justice Department permitted the NSA to monitor only addresses and "cybersignatures," patterns tied to computer intrusions, that it could link to foreign governments. But the documents showed that the spy agency sought to target hackers even when it could not establish links to foreign countries.

During a briefing, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said he was "not in a position to talk in a lot of detail about any sort of covert government programs that may or may not exist." But he said President Barack Obama's administration will remain vigilant about an "ever-evolving" cyberthreat that is increasing in frequency, scale, sophistication and severity.

Brian Hale, spokesman for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, was quoted by the Times as saying, "It should come as no surprise that the U.S. government gathers intelligence on foreign powers that attempt to penetrate U.S. networks and steal the private information of U.S. citizens and companies." REUTERS

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"Targeting overseas individuals engaging in hostile cyberactivities on behalf of a foreign power is a lawful foreign intelligence purpose."
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What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

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- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

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- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
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Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

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- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
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- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **"What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?"**.
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- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?"**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
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  - drowsiness
  - weakness
  - dizziness
  - confusion
  - irritability
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- **Kidney problems**, sometimes requiring dialysis

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- stomach upset and diarrhea
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These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

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How should I store JANUVIA?

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Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

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This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

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Five things you need to know

1 Authorities unlikely to stop 2016 election fundraising free-for-all

The White House hopefuls raking in record amounts of money in the 2016 U.S. presidential race are already being accused by watchdog groups of breaking campaign fundraising laws.

But the U.S. Department of Justice is unlikely to prosecute possible violations and halt the funding free-for-all, say current and former department officials.

With deadlock in the campaign finance regulator, the Federal Election Commission, watchdog groups are calling on the Justice Department to investigate contenders such as Republican Jeb Bush, who they say has conducted a charade of "non candidacy" to skirt federal election fundraising laws.

Interviews with 11 current and former Justice Department officials indicate the department is unlikely to enforce rules before the November 2016 election, or even after.

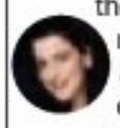
That means the election could unfold with record money raised — predictions are for overall campaign chests of more than $5 billion, double the cost of the 2012 election — but little regulation, they said.

The FEC, a six-person commission made up of three Democrats and three Republicans, has become paralyzed because, for the most part, partisan disputes have prevented the commissioners from opening new investigations. REUTERS

2 Retrial granted in death of DC intern Chandra Levy

A District of Columbia judge granted a new trial to the man convicted of killing federal intern Chandra Levy in 2001, a case that contributed to a politician's downfall.

Superior Court Judge Gerald Fisher ordered the retrial for Ingmar Guandique after prosecutors dropped their opposition to defense lawyers' request for a new trial in the case.



The search for Levy turned up few details about her whereabouts but brought out allegations that she had an affair with Gary Condit, then a member of the House of Representatives. REUTERS

3 Baltimore prosecutor seeks to block release of Gray autopsy

Baltimore's top prosecutor plans to seek a protective order that would block the release of Freddie Gray's autopsy report and other documents as she prosecutes police over his arrest, the Baltimore Sun reported.

State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby told the newspaper that prosecutors "have a duty to ensure a fair and impartial process for all parties involved" and "will not be baited into litigating this case through the media."

The move is the latest effort by Mosby's office to restrict information in the high-profile case. REUTERS

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4 Apple Watch to hit retail stores on June 26

Apple said it would start selling some models of its watch at its retail stores this month, and also roll out the gadget in seven more countries.

The watch has been on display in Apple stores around the world since April 10, when it became available for preorder online and at shops including trendy fashion boutiques in London, Paris and Tokyo.

Apple had directed people to order online, preventing long queues around its stores that have become a norm with the company's rollout of new products. REUTERS

5 Ex-FBI agent charged with using drug money for plastic surgery

A former FBI agent has been indicted for allegedly stealing more than $100,000 in drug proceeds and spending it on plastic surgery, cars, tires and a weekend in Las Vegas, the U.S. Justice Department said.

Scott Bowman, 44, of Moreno Valley, Calif., allegedly misappropriated drug proceeds seized in June and August 2014 during the execution of search warrants, the department said in a statement.

The money had been put in Bowman's custody and he falsified records to cover up his theft, it said. REUTERS

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Interview. Metro spoke with Drilla, a professional escort and porn star, to learn more.

If there is anything you can learn from a professional escort, it's that the money is always upfront.

"That's my policy," said Drilla, a 29-year-old professional male escort and porn actor from Brooklyn. "Like I said, I'm paid for my time. I'm not gonna waste my time with a client and then, next thing you know, the session's over and they're looking around tapping their pockets. I don't have time for that."

Metro spent the afternoon with Drilla to learn all about his unique profession; and what he told us was fascinating. Here are five things you didn't know about male escorts. MATT LEE, METRO

1 Drilla's company is not cheap

"Right now I charge $300 an hour, but that's only a base price. That means that it's $300 an hour just for me to show up. It depends on what experience the person is looking for. If I'm coming in and they want the boyfriend experience or they want something extra personal — if you want me to kiss you or stuff like that. I've made $10,000 on one client for about two hours."

2 Drilla identifies as a pansexual

"Pansexual means that you can find a sexual attraction. You can find beauty in just about any [sexuality or] gender, whether it be male, female, a transgender woman, a transgender man, a stud, a femme, butch, an aggressive femme; it doesn't matter. The only thing is the connection most of the time is gonna be more mental than physical, but you can find beauty in just about anything."

3 Some clients are celebrities

"I've had a few celebrity clients myself. And, well, a couple of them I didn't even realize they were celebrities until I actually got there. But it was just, ya know, it's the business."

4 Escorts aren't prostitutes

Don't get it twisted. "I'm an escort because an escort charges for their time, not for what they do. A prostitute is exclusively someone who trades sex for either favors or for money. With me, I charge for my time. It's not about what I do, I'm an entertainer."

5 Sex isn't always on the menu

"[With] a very high percent of clients, sex ends up happening. But that's something that's a mutual agreement between two consenting adults. Also, I mean, sex can vary amongst a plethora of different types of acts. I mean, you have oral, you have masturbation, there's voyeurism."

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At least 400,000 of the 4 million replacement inflators for defective Takata air bags will need to be replaced again in U.S. vehicles, sources at the Japanese safety equipment maker and the U.S. safety watchdog told Reuters.

Another 500,000 of those parts appear to be safe, according to U.S. safety regulators, leaving the safety of more than 3 million replacement parts in question.

But no one seems to be able to tell owners with any certainty just how many vehicles may still contain defective original or replacement parts.

Takata Corp. in mid-May told the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that nearly 34 million air bag inflators in the United States have the potential to rupture, spraying metal fragments inside vehicles. At least six deaths and hundreds of injuries are linked to ruptured inflators.

An accident involving faulty air bags. / GETTY IMAGES

Air bags

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NHTSA previously had identified problems with about 17 million Takata inflators.

But it is not clear how many vehicles are equipped with defective inflators, although the number appears to be far fewer than 34 million.

An unspecified number of vehicles have Takata air bags on both driver and passenger sides — and in some cases, both may be defective. In other cases, repair parts installed in those vehicles also may be defective.

Since Takata's May 18 disclosure, eight of 10 automakers that use Takata air bags have either expanded earlier recalls or initiated a new recall, and one other has said potentially defective parts are covered by previous recalls.

But the companies collectively have added only 3.3 million vehicles to the recall roster since May 18. Neither Takata nor NHTSA can explain the disparity.

The confusion extends to how many vehicles with replacement parts will need to go back to the dealer for more repairs.

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Grenier lives a charmed live as Vinny Chase in "Entourage."
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THE FUN STARTS HERE

The 'Entourage' star on his alter ego and not going out for 'Aquaman.'

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You would think life in Hollywood could be a bit awkward when you're best known for playing one of the biggest (fictional) movie stars in the world, but Adrian Grenier insists his "Entourage" character, Vincent Chase, hasn't cast a shadow over his own career. "I mean, I think it's a failure of imagination if you start to let your successes bog you down," Grenier says. "If I have to work harder to convince people that I'm more than the character or I have other things up my sleeve, then so be it."

In fact, Grenier made peace with his fictional alter ego a long time ago — for self-preservation if nothing else. "We're sort of living vicariously through each other, comfortably sharing the same space," he says. "When people call me Vince, I answer. I don't try to correct people. Because I am Vince to many people. I mean, even blurring the lines as much as the fact that Vince was Aquaman and in real life I do a lot of ocean work. I am Aquaman in real life, in a way."

Of course, there really is an "Aquaman" coming — directed by "Furious 7" helmer James Wan, from the same studio that released "Entourage" — but that one will star Jason Momoa, not Vincent Chase. Or Adrian Grenier. And just in case you were wondering, Grenier made no effort to get a shot at the superhero role that was such a success for Vinny Chase. "I think that would've been too silly," he says. "I mean, if James Cameron was directing it, I might be into it."

The "Entourage" film finds Vince a few years removed from the series' triumphant finale, a hugely successful and newly single movie star who now wants to direct his first feature — a plot point Grenier, a director himself, had a hand in crafting.

"Vince wanting to direct was part of what I was pushing for. I wanted to step up the character and allow him to evolve into that next stage of his career," Grenier says. "But for the most part director Doug [Ellin] borrows a lot from our real lives and also from what's happening out there in the zeitgeist."

Of course, Grenier has earned a unique view of the entertainment industry thanks to eight seasons and a movie spent playing Vince. And he insists the show's depiction of Hollywood is not as exaggerated as some make it out to be.

"It's pretty realistic. It reflects a truth, a reality in Hollywood, certainly, but also in a culture that puts fame and fortune and conspicuous consumption at the front," he says. "It's wish-fulfillment fantasy, but at the same time it has something that's special about friendship and loyalty. And it gives all the tools and guidelines on how to survive that world."

That loyalty bit — Vince's lifelong pals that make up his entourage — is key, he explains. "I don't think it really would be as popular of a show if it was only just the indulgence. That sounds like it would be a gossip show. This is so much more," Grenier says. "It's about the characters."

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Bujalski's 'Results' is weird in a weird way

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Cobie Smulders and Guy Pearce play gym rats maybe in love in Andrew Bujalski's "Results." MAGNOLIA PICTURES

First microindie filmmaker Andrew Bujalski ("Funny Ha Ha") went electric, with the avant-garde "Computer Chess." Now he sells out, sort of, with a rom-com with a proper faux-indie budget and name actors that's about a love triangle involving two personal trainers (Guy Pearce and Cobie Smulders) and a newly wealthy shlub (Kevin Corrigan).

The lowdown: Despite appearances, "Results" isn't really Bujalski selling out. It's too bizarre for that, and too bizarre in ways that are themselves bizarre. "Computer Chess" was weird all over, but "Results" is weird because it keeps resisting easy classification. It starts off looking slick, only to wind up, by turns, broadly comic and as loose and lived-in as Bujalski's early, no-budget films. It begins as an unusual romance between Smulders' gym rat and Corrigan's slacker, only to go off in an unexpected direction, and then another one, and then another one.

It can seem like Bujalski simply can't make this kind of film, and perhaps he can't. But he turns his attempts to play it safe into an experiment as rich as the one in "Computer Chess." He wants to see how close he can come to making a nice indie while retaining his own voice. It's a bloody battle, and it makes for thrilling viewing. We're constantly being surprised by not just hairpin plot turns but unexpected character developments. All three stars are game, constantly finding new sides to their roles, making them real people with flaws and contradictions. In its unassuming way, "Results" is like nothing else out there.

'Results'

Director: Andrew Bujalski
Stars: Cobie Smulders, Guy Pearce
Rating: R

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'Love & Mercy'

Director: Bill Pohlad
Stars: John Cusack, Paul Dano
Rating: PG-13

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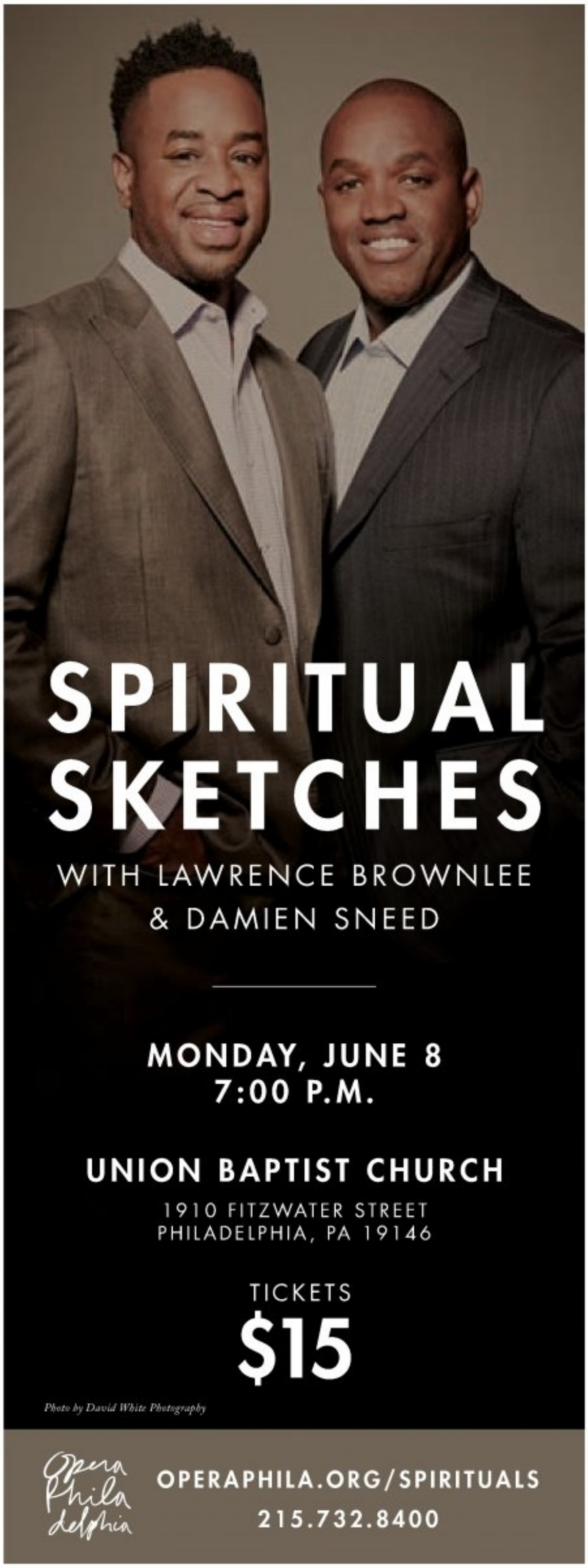
Paul Dano plays one of two Brian Wilsons (the other being John Cusack) in "Love & Mercy." ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

"Love & Mercy" stars two separate actors as Beach Boy genius Brian Wilson, and one of its screenwriters is Oren Moverman, who had a hand in Todd Haynes' deeply experimental Bob Dylan whatzit "I'm Not Here." But that makes it sound more avant-garde than it is. Unlike most biopics, it focuses on two slivers of Wilson's life story, not the whole thing, but it still offers a clean, even reassuring fall-and-rise tale. Even the stunt casting makes perfect sense: It hops back and forth between the heyday '60s, when Wilson is played by Paul Dano, and the '80s, when he (now John Cusack) was struggling to find some stability after a long, troubled stretch. Even if Wilson became, as the film suggests, a different person entirely, it's better two actors than doing Dano up in terrible old-age makeup.

It's still a strange tact for a biopic, but not just because the bar is low. Each half has its own unique feel. The '60s era gets lost in the glee with which Dano's Wilson constructs "Pet Sounds," taking the band's sound next-next-level — only to be met with a cold response. (Mike Love, played by an intense Jake Abel, does not come off well.) But the business with Cusack's older Wilson has a fascinatingly chilly freeze to it, following him as he tries to shake off sinister psychologist father figure Dr. Eugene Landy (Paul Giamatti), with help from new gal pal Melinda Ledbetter (Elizabeth Banks). Neither Wilson actor falls back on cheap mannerisms; Cusack looks like he could be playing just about anyone. But it's Banks who wins the race, with director Bill Pohlad giving her ample space to show someone moving from mildly creeped-out to deep-in-love in a way that makes total sense. MP



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We're just happy Oscar nominee Haley Joel Osment, with Emily Ratajkowski and Adrien Grenier, is back in prominent movies again, even if it's "Entourage." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

The 'Entourage' movie is for bros (and no one else)

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'Entourage'

Director: Doug Ellin
Stars: Kevin Connolly, Adrien Grenier
Rating: R
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Unlikely movie star Vincent Chase — played by Adrien Grenier, who's so not a real movie star that he's second-billed in his own movie — has directed an expensive blockbuster that reimagines "Jekyll and Hyde" in the DJ world and looks like it was made in 1998. The project is put into jeopardy when a wealthy scion (Haley Joel Osment) tries to sabotage it with "notes."

The lowdown: The bros of "Entourage" still call each other "bro" with all sincerity. That's all you need to know about the "Entourage" movie, which isn't so much a movie as a state of mind — an infantile, horndog plane of pure, unchecked douchery. It's the dude's flip side of another HBO lifestyle fantasy, "Sex and the City," only the lusted-for designer shoes are fake boobs and the apparently inevitable film spinoff is, thankfully, almost an hour shorter. It's just not short enough.

There's less plot here than an average episode of the show, and it's no spoiler to say order will be restored, i.e., that a pudgy Oscar nominee won't best aging rent-a-hunks. We could go on about how it exists in an alternate universe where Piers Morgan is still relevant, about how it thinks Vincent actually has talent, about how all the cameos are not only unfunny but depressingly sour. But who are we kidding? This is a niche film for a niche audience — a celebration of a certain belief system for a certain type of guy that seems to be going out of favor, at least in pop culture, if not in life. Everyone deserves a movie, though, and for the type of old-school dude who feels threatened by women who are funny and gays getting married, this is the movie for them.

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Rose Byrne and Jason Statham just kill it in 'Spy'

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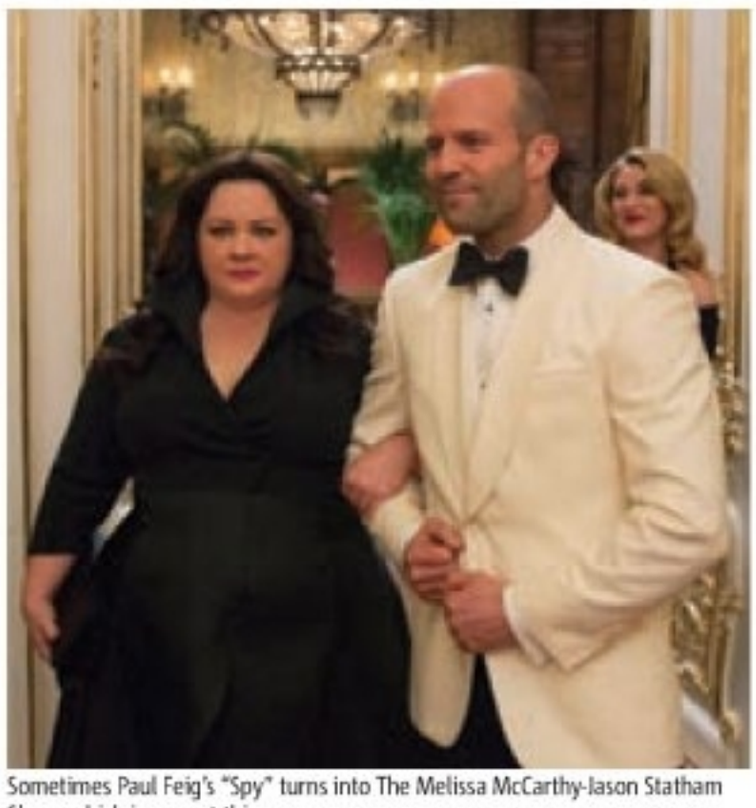

Sometimes Paul Feig's "Spy" turns into The Melissa McCarthy-Jason Statham Show, which is a great thing. 20TH CENTURY FOX

Melissa McCarthy reunites with "Bridesmaids" and "The Heat" director Paul Feig, this time as a CIA desk jockey who winds up on a field mission, and gets carried away chasing a Russian agent (Rose Byrne).

The lowdown: "Spy" is an excellent showcase for the comic versatility of its star, who gets to play mousy and bossy, do pratfalls and hold her own in close-quarters fights. But it's not just The Melissa McCarthy Show. At various turns the film is nearly stolen by Byrne, by Jason Statham and by Miranda Hart. Byrne coolly deadpans inspired insults about sad Bulgarian clowns. Statham, as a rogue fellow agent, mostly calls people vaginas and brags about impossible, absurdist feats. Hart, heretofore an English-only star, fits right in. The spirit is one of competitive camaraderie, everyone pushing each other to silly, sometimes surreal heights.

"Spy" pushes itself so far that the climax can only seem slightly insufficient. It needed to go even more OTT, include one more out-of-nowhere element, maybe do one more thing with Statham. And it must be said, the Feig and Judd Apatow-style movies have run aground the joke where someone says, "You look like a [hilarious ad-lib]." While on average amusing, there's a sense that the actors are now falling back on it whenever they can't think of a fresh gag. That said, sometimes innovation can be overrated. Feig and McCarthy have a good thing going, and they might as well keep doing comedic riffs on other genres, offering an alternative to bro humor without even trying.

'Spy'

Director: Paul Feig
Stars: Melissa McCarthy, Rose Byrne
Rating: R

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Lin Shaye's ghost-busting psychic Elise returns for the horror prequel "Insidious: Chapter 3." FOCUS FEATURES

'Insidious: Chapter 3'

Director: Leigh Whannell
Stars: Stefanie Scott, Lin Shaye
Rating: PG-13

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It might have been out of necessity, but the best thing one can say about the "Insidious" franchise is it has become a major showcase for Lin Shaye. An old-school ham, she actually commits sincerely to these ghost movies. She'll do the funky head bobs during trance scenes and call a demon a bitch if she has to, but she also brings real gravitas to scenes where her character, psychic Elise, longs for her deceased husband. She treats the story as though it were, if not Shakespeare, then something worth taking seriously.

At the same time, "Chapter 3" finds the series succumbing to what befalls any low-rent horror franchise: soldiering on because there's money to be had, even as key players fall out. Series director James Wan and stars Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne bid adieu, leaving Shaye to lend her services to a haunted (and much abused) teen (Stefanie Scott). Leigh Whannell, who's been the films' writer, graduates to directing as well, but all he proves is he's no Wan, unable to use the camera in the same way to explore spaces and generate frights. Where "Chapter 2" got bogged down in impenetrable mythology, "3" simply falls back on arbitrary rules. Thanks to its actors, it's a step above most cash-in threequels, but only a step. MP

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Daryl Hannah

Why her mind-bending new series, "Sense8," could only exist on Netflix.

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When Daryl Hannah first heard that the team behind "The Matrix" and "Cloud Atlas" were doing a Netflix series, she was already sold. The fact that the Wachowskis' globe-trotting "Sense8" also deals with how humans can be more interconnected and compassionate was just the icing on the cake. "This was the ideal fit for me to do my first series," she says. "My advocacy and activism, which is my real work, is really all about the same themes."

So how was this project first explained to you?

It wasn't. I heard from the casting director that Lana and Andy Wachowski were doing an original series and they were looking for a character called Mr. Whispers, and maybe I could even come in because they were thinking about casting that character in a more transgender or androgynous way. So I went in to read for Mr. Whispers' role, and then they said, "We'd like you for another role, Angel" — which there wasn't even a description of at that point. I just wanted to do it because of the Wachowskis, and then when I found out the themes they discuss about interconnectedness and the similarities that we share, the boundaries that they push, I was really just over the moon.

They have a knack for marrying big ideas with entertainment.

Yeah, it's an amazing combination. To actually be creating art that doesn't only entertain you — which, I mean, it does — but also has

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goes global

Daryl Hannah gets spooky in "Sense8." MURRAY CLOSE/NETFLIX

something to say is incredible. That's the dream. That, to me, is what it's all about.

How was it to get back into what you might call the science fiction realm?

I wouldn't really call it the science fiction realm. I mean, it's fantastical, for sure, but it's set in a very real world and present day, and there are no spaceships flying around or anything like that. But I do think incorporating a supernatural or fantastical element allows us to be taken places that we might not be as comfortable going in just a very real setting alone.

How many of the nine different filming locations did you get to go to?

Nine cities in eight countries. I went to all of them. When I'm standing in Nairobi, I'm actually standing in Nairobi. And it feels that way when you see it. Even though it's physically hard to see CGI and green-screen stuff, you can feel it. It doesn't resonate in the same way as when something is really shot on film and done in-camera. It really has a much stronger impact.

It seems like a scale of production that Netflix is uniquely suited to support.

I think this only could happen on something like Netflix. It couldn't exist anywhere else. It couldn't exist with the advertisers, sponsors and the censorship of television. It couldn't happen in movies because they're too expensive these days. So it really is the only place that something like this could evolve.

Some actors have had a harder time wrapping their heads around exactly what a Netflix or streaming series is or how it fits in the industry.

Well, I don't have a TV. I go to movies or I watch Netflix, so for me it makes a lot of sense. I don't have a schedule that can fit into television, I don't really want to have advertisers screaming at me and making me feel inadequate or making me want to buy stuff I don't need. It's too much of a time-suck for me. And TV tries to polarize us. The news gets its viewers by being titillating and polarizing us, and that's just not helpful. I don't think that is how we evolve as a species.

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HOW DO I STOP BEING JEALOUS?

Dear Charles:
I am currently in a "casual relationship" with someone (no sex, though). This has been going on for two months. The issue I find myself in is when we got together, he had recently gotten out of a seven-year relationship. He has told me he doesn't want a relationship at the moment and I completely understand that.

My issue is that we both get jealous when the other person gets attention from someone of the opposite sex. He got obscenely jealous when I received flowers and cupcakes on Valentine's Day from someone else and we seem to be in a constant competition to make the other person jealous. I'm unsure what I should do. Do I carry on the way we are (which isn't heartbreaking or soul destroying, but just a bit confusing), hoping he will realize that I'm worth settling down for, or do I just cut loose now and save the potential heartache in the long run? Could he even change?
—P

The game of trying to make each other jealous by getting attention from other people is going to get old real fast. ISTOCK

Dear P:
For any long-term relationship, he needs time to adjust to a single, "new normal." If he were the one writing in to me, I would be telling him to relax, let life unfold and get back to being himself before getting into something new.

That said, he can't have it both ways. If he wants a committed/exclusive relationship, then he needs to be in one. However, I would caution you that he needs time to get past a [very] recent breakup. Otherwise, you will be his official rebound.

My advice: Don't worry — relax. If you have fun together and things are good, don't put the additional pressure of "we need to be in a relationship now" come into play. Let things unfold, but let him know that nonexclusive is just that: nonexclusive — for both of you.

Dear Charles:
My girlfriend and I have been going out for a year now and I know she is the one that I will marry. But whenever she goes out with other people, I always have that feeling that she is going to do something wrong. How do I get rid of this feeling and just trust her?
—A

Dear A:
I know that feeling. It comes from two related places: A lack of control, and complete vulnerability. Here's how that breaks down: You have put your heart out and now you are afraid it will be hurt. But you can't control if it does get hurt. As such, you are vulnerable.

The bad news: All these things are your issues to sort through.

The good news: All these things are your issues, you are in control of how you act moving forward — instead of reacting to your fear.

My advice: If you trust her, work on letting go of your fear. You won't have a future without trust. If you don't trust her, then you need to have a different conversation.

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On July 4, 1965, a group of gay and lesbian activists led the first organized protests in support of gay rights in the country in front of Independence Hall. They'd return over the following three years on what were called "Annual Reminders" to picket, despite the potential harm to their families, livelihoods and even personal safety.

Fifty years later, two of those protesters sat directly across the expanse of Independence Mall at the National Constitution Center for a preview of "Speaking Out for Equality: The Constitution, Gay Rights, & The Supreme Court." President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen called the new exhibition the "most moving and timely exhibit" that's been presented at the Constitution Center during his tenure, noting its synchronicity with current headlines.

"This is the first exhibit in the United States that tells the story of the evolution of gay rights in the courts," Rosen noted, "and it's opening just weeks before the Supreme Court is expected to hand down a landmark decision about whether or not the Constitution protects marriage equality."

Chris Bartlett, executive director of the William Way LGBT Community Center, pointed out that he'd had no way of knowing how perfectly history would align with the exhibit when his organization partnered with the Constitution Center three years ago.

"We couldn't have imagined the momentum that would develop as history literally grabbed us in its wave," Bartlett said. "Suddenly, we found ourselves having this major national LGBT exhibit dealing with constitutional issues at the same time that there was a major case in front of the Supreme Court. We couldn't have been more excited."

What you'll see

The exhibit traces the history of the LGBT civil rights movement from the time of those first marches, when being gay was often considered a criminal act or a mental disorder. The story continues through the first court cases on the issue, the Stonewall riots, the rise of religious fundamentalism and the AIDS crisis in the 1980s to the major court decisions of the past 20 years, including "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and the Defense of Marriage Act.

These landmarks are depicted through artifacts, original documents, video (including a clip from a 1967 CBS News documentary called "The Homosexuals") and a collection of vintage items behind a literal closet door.

Given the Constitution Center's nonpartisan mandate, Rosen and Bartlett stressed that the exhibit is meant to stoke discussion and reflection in visitors from differing perspectives. "We wanted to make sure that we engaged the school student, the LGBT senior and everyone in between in these really key issues," said Bartlett. "Our vision was to take something which might be viewed as very deep, difficult and impenetrable, and reveal it in all of its beauty and wisdom."

The exhibit includes artifacts from decades of activism.
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Letters to the editor

Movie magic above race

Re: 'Why does Emma Stone think she can look as Asian as me?' (Metro.us) Quick point: Wouldn't the director, producer, casting director, et al., be just as much to blame, if not more so, than Emma Stone?

First of all, I agree that Emma Stone does not look Asian, according to my perception of what an Asian would look like. But the character she plays is also, as you stated, half Swedish and a quarter Hawaiian. I suppose you feel she accurately represents the appearance of a common person with those backgrounds.

Why should a person be required to be a certain anything in order to act on-screen? A hallmark of being entertained by these films or TV shows is the willing suspension of disbelief. According to your logic, only athletes should be cast in sports films.

Catherine Zeta-Jones (Welsh, English, Irish) played a Hispanic in "The Mask Of Zorro" and its sequel. Andy Garcia (full-blooded Cuban) played an Italian in "The Godfather Part III." Peter Pan has been portrayed by a woman in more than a few productions. If casting Emma Stone as an Asian took you — and others — out of the movie, the only argument you can make is that it was a bad casting decision. But casting directors should be able to hire any actor they want for any role, regardless of their ethnic background.

JOE ANTTELL, VIA EMAIL

Thursday's answer

MOST LIKELY TO BE DISLIKED

Opinion

TOM FOREMAN

CNN CORRESPONDENT AND AUTHOR OF THE UPCOMING BOOK "MY YEAR OF RUNNING DANGEROUSLY: A DAD, A DAUGHTER, AND A RIDICULOUS PLAN."

A lot of things I studied in high school really haven't mattered. As an adult I've almost never used algebra, no one has quizzed me on the periodic table of elements and my shaky knowledge of the Yalta Summit counts only when I'm watching "Jeopardy!" At a job interview I was once asked if I had any other skills, and I offered to dissect a frog. That was apparently not the right answer, and it's surprising how quickly security can carry you to the curb.

But one lesson I learned really has counted: No matter how hard you try, some people will not like you — and you just have to make the best of it.

I mention this because a new poll shows half of America doesn't much like Hillary Clinton. Whether you are for or against her candidacy, you've got to admit that has to hurt her. Imagine being on the "bad side" of roughly 160 million people. I had a hard enough time when Julie Sanders dumped me after two dates.

Of course, the nation is polarized and half the public might dislike any candidate. Camp Clinton trashed the numbers, saying "Secretary Clinton is outperforming every opponent on the Democratic side and on the Republican side." This particular metric should be troubling to anyone on the wrong side of the "likability gap," because "likability" equals "electability."

Is there really a point to all our nattering about policy, experience and debating skills? As Michal Ann Strahilevitz, a researcher at Golden Gate University, wrote a few years ago, "Just about all voters, including the most well-informed amongst us, have emotional responses to issues." So in the voting booth our choice is often not based on analysis, but rather on a general sense that we just like this person or that one.

The only thing that trumps that? We vote with slightly more vigor against those we don't like. So while changing your likability rating may be hard, there's always hope someone even less likable will come along. And considering the contempt voters have for politicians these days, that's almost a sure bet.

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♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Share your thoughts with those closest to you. It's easy to take others for granted if you become too busy. Let your loved ones know you are appreciative.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
If you don't ask, you won't receive. Make everyone aware of what you are doing. Trying to do too much on your own will lead to disappointment.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Don't let a negative or critical person prevent you from doing the things you love. Being inspired and involved in exciting projects will be your revenge.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Take time off to pamper yourself and do things you enjoy. You will feel revived and ready to take on twice as much when you are well rested.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Love is on the rise. It's possible that you have been given false information. You will need to get to the bottom of a questionable situation before making a personal decision.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Change is in the air. Take an objective look at a deteriorating partnership. If the results are not what you expect or deserve, consider making changes.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Mixing business with pleasure will lead to problems. Your charisma is strong and will spur a situation that can have negative effects on your work and productivity.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Patience and understanding will help ease discord. If something is not progressing, work as a team player to repair matters. Placing blame will only escalate an already volatile situation.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Join an organization that enables you to meet prospective partners. Brainstorming with like-minded people will enhance your social network.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
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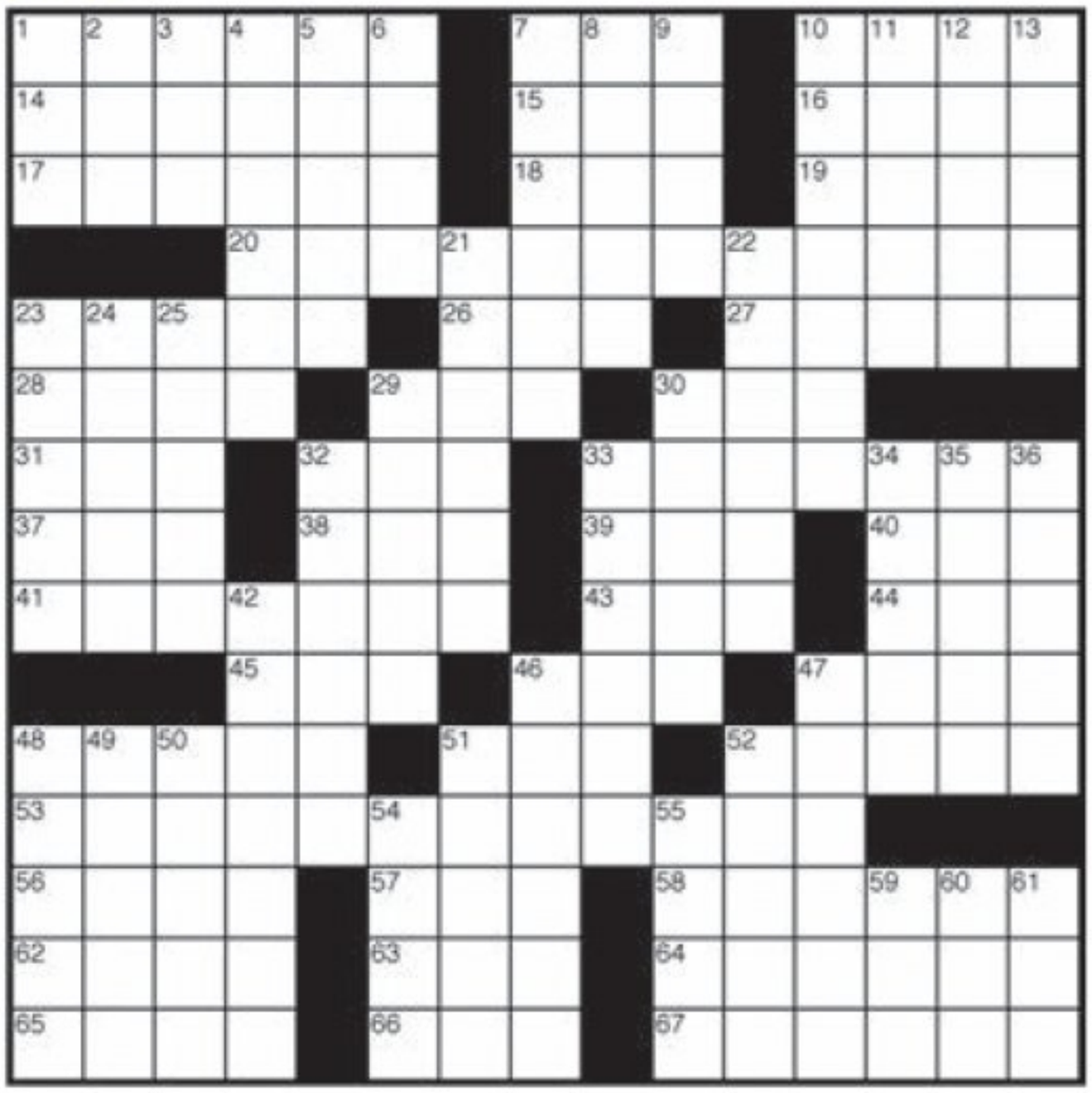

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Iverson drunk at rant

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Prior to his infamous "we're talking about practice" rant back in 2002, a bevy of sources in the upcoming Kent Babb book "Not a Game: The Incredible Rise and Unthinkable Fall of Allen Iverson" said the superstar was drunk before he sat for his controversial press conference.

Legends dedicate brand new RBI athletic facility

MLB. Ryan Howard, Dick Allen and other big names opened a brand new field in South Philly.

Ryan Howard ran out onto the diamond Thursday afternoon in South Philadelphia. Except this didn't occur at Citizens Bank Park and the Big Piece wasn't in his normal work attire.

Howard and his wife Krystle were on hand along with other special guests for the grand opening of the new baseball field at the Phillies MLB Urban Youth Academy, located at Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park.

"To take the young people that play our game and give them a future in our game is what drives the academy," Phillies Chairman David Montgomery said. "If you have the ability and interest to keep playing, we want to build the avenue to do that."

Also supporting youth baseball in South Philly was Phillies legend and seven-time all-star Dick Allen and former player and Phils' announcer Gary "Sarge" Matthews.

"We didn't have many Major League teams involved when I was a youth," Matthews said. "I can't remember a Minor League field even being this nice. I grew up in the city so this is very important to these kids."

The programs implemented will focus on skill development, physical fitness, coach training and academic support.

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"Philadelphia is fully committed to this collective effort of providing participants with the skills and experiences that prepare them for success both on and off the playing field."

Michael DiBerardinis, Deputy Mayor for Environmental and Community Resources

"We want to augment mentoring and educational support," Montgomery said. "We want to maximize educational opportunities for those youth who have challenges."

After a ceremonial first pitch involving Howard, Allen and Mahlon Duckett (the last surviving member of the Philadelphia Stars Negro League baseball team), a game needed to be played to break in the field.

And that's just what the players from the Phillies RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) and All-Star Teams did.

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Ali Krieger and the U.S. women's soccer team begin World Cup play on Monday. / GETTY IMAGES

USA among favorites at this year's Women's World Cup in Canada

World Cup soccer. Germany, United States and Japan are the three dynasty countries.

There are just four different countries that have ever won the Women's World Cup. Germany (2003, 2007) and the United States (1991, 1999) both own two titles while Norway (1995) and Japan (2011) have each won once. With all due respect to Norway, which is not the same powerhouse it used to be, Germany, the U.S. and Japan are clearly the three top teams heading into the 2015 World Cup, which begins this weekend in Canada.

In the most recent FIFA rankings, Germany is No. 1, the U.S. is No. 2, France is No. 3 and Japan is No. 4. By virtue of the fact that it is the most recent champ, Japan still has a little more cache than France, which has never finished higher than fourth (in 2011). Germany is in Group B, the U.S. is in Group C and Japan is in Group D, so the earliest that any of them could meet is in the round of 16.

Team USA

Team USA came so close to winning the 2011 World Cup.

- Japan won the final against the United States on a penalty shoot-out following a 2–2 draw after extra time.
- The Americans begin Group D play Monday against Australia.

Germany

Things were set up for a true dynasty last time around as Germany came in as the two-time defending champ and was hosting the event. The Germans went 3-0 in group play but were upset by Japan in penalty kicks in the quarterfinals. Germany will be without midfielder Nadine Kessler (knee), who was the World Player of the Year in 2014. But they will have goalkeeper Nadine Angerer, who was Player of the Year in 2013. Norway is the one team that could challenge Germany in Group B.

United States

After paying her dues for many years, head coach Jill Ellis gets her first shot at bringing another World Cup title back to the U.S. Ironically enough, she'll meet her former boss Pia Sundhage (now Sweden's head coach) in the second match of the tournament for the United States. Many Americans should be on hand in Canada to cheer on the squad, particularly if they progress to the semifinal that's in Montreal. The Final is being held in Vancouver. In group play, the Sweden match on June 12 will be tough but the U.S. should be heavy favorites against Australia and Nigeria.

Japan

In 2011, Japan came out of nowhere to win the title as it had never finished even as high as fourth place. The greatest player they have ever produced — midfielder Homare Sawa (2011 World Player of the Year) — is back for her record sixth World Cup (she debuted at age 15!). She won the Golden Boot (leading scorer) and Golden Ball (tournament's MVP) in 2011. At age 36, you'd have to think that this will be her last World Cup, so needless to say they'll be motivated to send Sawa out on top yet again.

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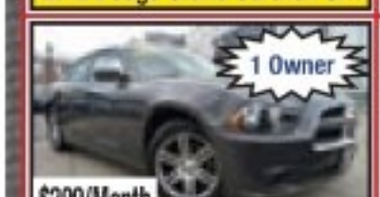

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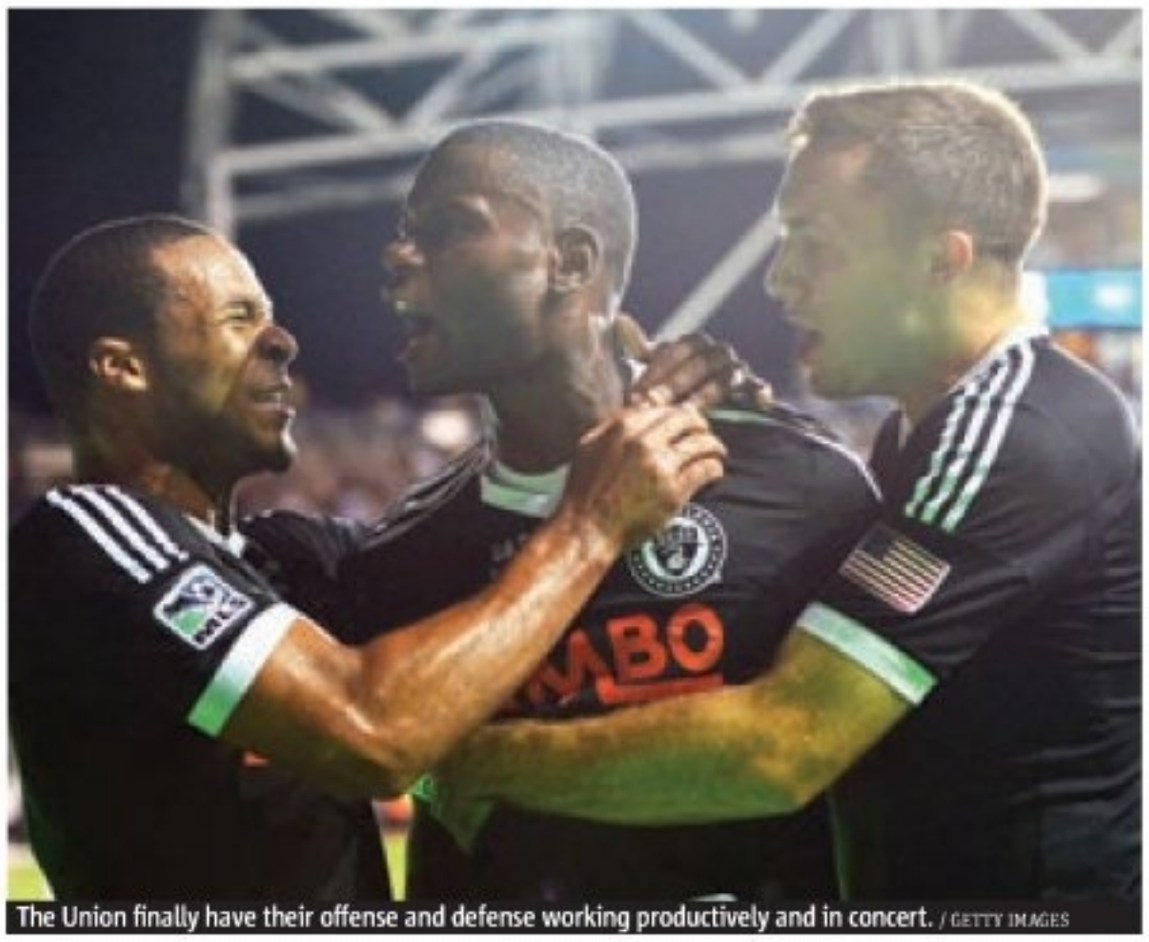
Union believe 'something special is about to happen'

MLS. The Union have won three of four and are back in the playoff picture.


The Union finally have their offense and defense working productively and in concert. / GETTY IMAGES

The word turnaround is generally defined as an unexpected change that results in a more favorable situation. That word is exactly the word to describe the Union's (4-8-3) current team at the moment, a team that ousted the Columbus Crew (4-5-4) 3-0 on Wednesday to move into sixth place in the Eastern Conference.

In three weeks, the Union have won three matches out of a possible four. It took them from Sept. 6 of last season until May 17 of this season to reach that same win total, spanning 19 regular season matches.

"That's now four strong showings in a row and I think something special is about to happen," said Union manager Jim Curtin after Wednesday night's win. "Again, it's still only four games that we've put together so we need to keep it going."

Union players, fans and analysts all have their theories on why things have turned around so quickly, but everyone is on the same page in terms of keeping the momentum moving. Was it the protest by their loyal fan group the Sons of Ben that sparked their recent play? Was it the return of athletic forward C.J. Sapong following a league-mandated suspension? Was it finally finding consistency both on and off the field? The answers lie somewhere in the middle.

"I think it's first and foremost confidence, you know, that first win that we got, that big win against D.C. gave us all confidence," Sapong said. "My own situation with coming back gave me a little bit more appreciation and hunger, and from that it just emanates throughout everyone else on the team and you can just see that everyone has that hunger and that desire to play, and play beautifully too. I think that it's something we can continue to build on, for sure."

Sapong has scored twice in the Union's past three matches on six shots. He ranks seventh in the MLS in goals per 90 minutes, averaging .71 in just 379 minutes. The next closest Union player, Zach Pfeffer, averages just .37 in 482 minutes.

"I think that we've put a lot of stuff behind us, whether that be injures or off-the-field stuff," defender Sheanon Williams said. "We're trying to put things behind us and move forward."

Saturday will be a tough test for the Union against NYCFC (1-7-5) on short rest at PPL Park. Although NYCFC ranks last in the Eastern Conference, they had a respectable 1-1 draw against the Houston Dynamo (4-5-5) this past weekend and tied the Union 1-1 as well back on April 16.

"We needed three points at home tonight and it's going to be game by game," Curtin said. "Obviously, now we'll focus on NYCFC, which is still a dangerous team. Yes we'll have played on a Wednesday but ... if we handle our recovery I think that we can bounce back quickly."

Saturday's match will air at 7 p.m. on The Comcast Network.

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"In a lot of ways it's good to get a quick turnaround against New York City FC because we're in a good way right now." Jim Curtin

Phillies host Giants

Can Franco, Phillies keep things rolling?

June has started off with a bang for the Phillies — particularly for Maikel Franco — who had clutch round-trippers in back to back games against the faltering Reds.

Franco and the rest of the Phillies look to carry over their hot start when the defending champion Giants come to town for a weekend visit.

The Giant are coming off a recent stretch of five straight losses, though they did have a very productive May, going 21-9.

The Giants have the highest road batting average (.286) and OPS (.785) of any major league team. Buster Posey and company must be licking their chops knowing that the Phillies are throwing out the back of the rotation, featuring Jerome Williams, Severino Gonzalez and Sean O'Sullivan.

The two-time Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum takes the hill for Game 1 against Williams and 2014 World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner pitches in Game 2.

Game 3 Sunday may be a little better, as Ryan Howard has a .667 batting average and two RBI against Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong in his career. JEFF SMYTH

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Braydon's return

Lightning trip to Finals hurts Flyers' draft order

Tampa has two former Flyers in Coburn and Matt Carle. / GETTY IMAGES

While Chicago's run through the West has benefitted the Flyers, Tampa Bay's unlikely appearance in the Cup finals has had the adverse effect — although it's a minor one.

The Flyers will get the Lightning's first-round pick this year in exchange for trading defenseman Braydon Coburn in March. Had the Bolts lost to Detroit in the first round — they were down three games to two — the Flyers would have earned the 22nd pick.

Instead, the Flyers will get either the 29th or 30th selection depending on whether Tampa beats Chicago. Even still, it's difficult to complain about getting a first-round pick — as well as a third rounder this year and defenseman Radko Gudas — for a player that was expendable. ERIC GOLDSTEIN

NHL. Flyers happy with return for Cup finalist Timonen

Timonen has the rare chance to retire after winning a Stanley Cup title. / GETTY IMAGES

The deal that Ron Hextall made that sent Philadelphia Flyers veteran defenseman Kimmo Timonen to the Chicago Blackhawks at the deadline in March was widely considered a good trade at the time.

It looks even better today — and should be labeled as true thievery by the Flyers first-year GM.

When Hextall signed off on it two months ago, the Flyers netted the Blackhawks second-round draft pick this year and a conditional fourth-round selection in 2016 for the veteran blue liner. It was a favorable haul for a 40-year-old who had been sidelined by blood clots in his lungs for the entire season.

Nearly three months later, it appears that Hextall has completely fleeced his Chicago counterpart, Stan Bowman.

First, the conditional pick has turned into a second-rounder next year. Meanwhile, Timonen has failed to register a point during the regular season or playoffs, was a healthy scratch in the final two games of the Western Conference finals and sat out of the Blackhawks' 2-1 win over the Lightning in Game One of the Stanley Cup finals on Wednesday night.

The parameters of the deal stated that if the Blackhawks advanced to the conference finals, the pick became a third-rounder. If they reached the Cup — and Timonen played in at least half of the games, which he did — it turned into a second-rounder.

So in review, Hextall gained two second-round picks for a player who ended up as a player who is point-less and has averaged less than 10 minutes of ice time a game in the postseason.

Make no mistake, though. No one in Chicago is crying about the deal.

The Blackhawks are three wins away from hoisting their third Stanley Cup in the last five years and leading a parade through downtown before it's all over. Regardless, at least the Flyers can at least take solace that they provided a better future at Chicago's expense — and success.

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The Flyers hold the seventh overall pick in the NHL draft this month.

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Belmont Stakes patrons could witness the first Triple Crown winner in 35 years Saturday. / GETTY IMAGES

Belmont. American Pharoah is the betting favorite, but putting money elsewhere could be the best bet.

American Pharoah has won both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, and now he'll try to become just the 12th horse ever to win the Triple Crown when he runs in the Belmont Stakes on Saturday (6:50 p.m., NBC). American Pharoah will break from post five and is likely to be a prohibitive favorite; he was set at 3-5 by morning-line oddsmaker Eric Donovan. If American Pharoah were to lose it could trigger massive payoffs, but can he be beaten?

Frosted (Post Position 6; Odds 5-1)
Frosted was last seen making up ground late when he finished fourth in the Kentucky Derby, but it didn't look like he would get by American Pharoah at any point. He has one career start at Belmont; he finished second in a sprint at age 2.

Materiality (Post Position 8; Odds 6-1)
Materiality was one of the fastest horses on paper coming into the Kentucky Derby but his inside post and lack of seasoning doomed him; he finished a troubled sixth. He has a solid pedigree for the Belmont distance, which features 2005 Belmont Stakes winner Afleet Alex. Kentucky Derby runners that skip the Preakness to await the Belmont usually have great success.

Mubtaahij (Post Position 1; Odds 10-1)
Mubtaahij got into the Kentucky Derby field by virtue of winning the UAE Derby in Dubai. Mubtaahij has plenty of distance runners in his family; his sire Dubawi is a great distance influence.

Madefromlucky (Post Position 3; Odds 12-1)
Madefromlucky won the Peter Pan Stakes at Belmont three weeks ago, the same race that 2014 Belmont Stakes winner Tonalist used to prep for the "Test of the Champion."

Tale of Verve (Post Position 2; Odds 15-1)
He made a bold run from far back to grab second in the Preakness but he was beaten seven lengths by American Pharoah.

Keen Ice (Post Position 7; Odds 20-1)
Keen Ice has continually shown he can't run with the best of this division. He'll have to hope that his pedigree can carry him past some of the tired ones.

Frammento (Post Position 4; Odds 30-1)
He has just one career win to his credit and his pedigree doesn't suggest that he'll get better with the added distance.

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The **Committee on Licenses and Inspections** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, June 11, 2015**, at **8:30 AM**, in **Room 400, City Hall**, to hear testimony on the following items:

120655 An Ordinance amending The Philadelphia Code to impose certain requirements on exterminators of honeybees, including certain training requirements, all under certain terms and conditions.

150472 An Ordinance amending Section 9-1306 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Special Inspection Agencies and Special Inspectors," and Subsection A-902, entitled "Building, Fuel Gas and Mechanical Code Fees," to further provide for the registration of special inspection agencies and special inspectors, qualifications for such registrations and duties of such agencies and inspectors; and to authorize the Department of Licenses and Inspections to establish fees for obtaining special inspection certifications; all under certain terms and conditions.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Licenses and Inspections, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.

Copies of the foregoing items are available in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Council, Room 402, City Hall.

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The **Committee of the Whole** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, June 10, 2015**, at **1:00 PM**, in **Room 400, City Hall**, to hear testimony on the following items:

150162 An Ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2016-2021 inclusive.

150163 An Ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2016 Capital Budget.

150164 An Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

150165 An Ordinance amending Section 19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Authorization of Tax," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on real estate within the City of Philadelphia, to provide for an increase in the tax, and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

150166 An Ordinance amending Section 19-1806 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the use or occupancy of real estate within the School District of Philadelphia, under certain terms and conditions.

150167 An Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax," by revising certain tax rates, under certain terms and conditions.

150438 An Ordinance amending Section 19-1806 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the use or occupancy of real estate within the School District of Philadelphia and to set the rate for such tax, and making technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

150471 An Ordinance authorizing the transfer in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016 within the General Fund, from the Department of Human Services - Prisons to the Office of Housing and Community Development, to support landscaping and lot-cleaning jobs in the Philadelphia Re-Entry Employment Program for Returning Citizens, under certain terms and conditions.

150533 An Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," by establishing a tax rate for City real estate tax; all under certain terms and conditions.

150534 An Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking Tax," by establishing a rate of taxation on parking transactions for fiscal year 2016 and thereafter.

150535 An Ordinance amending Section 19-1806 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the use or occupancy of real estate within the School District of Philadelphia and to set the rate for such tax, and making technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

150179 Resolution providing for the approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2016 through 2020, and incorporating proposed changes with respect to Fiscal Year 2015, which is to be submitted by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, authorized by an ordinance of this Council approved by the Mayor on January 3, 1992 (Bill No. 1563-A), by and between the City and the Authority.

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